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## Grad students judged at annual symposium

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*EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif.* — According to judges, it was well beyond your normal science fair exhibit.

Dr. Bill Larson, a researcher and judge from the Air Force Research Laboratory's Propulsion Directorate facilities at Edwards Air Force Base said, "innovative scientific use of vacuum technology was the focus of the Southern California's top graduate students participating at a recent student symposium held in Anaheim, Calif."

Sponsored by the Southern California Chapter of the American Vacuum Society, this was the 34<sup>th</sup> annual symposium held by the chapter. It showcased 20 papers and research by graduate students from California Institute of Technology, University of California (UC) Irvine, UC Los Angeles, UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego, and the University of Southern California.

Professor Jane Chang of UCLA organized the student symposium portion of the event. Mark Kushner of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign gave the plenary speech.

The participation of AFRL personnel in events like this are part of AFRL's outreach program to attract top talent to Air Force research efforts across the nation. @